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Attorney Docket No. MCA0201 US
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Title MESSAGE HOLDER
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 16]
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 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
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 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [Copies of IDS Citations]
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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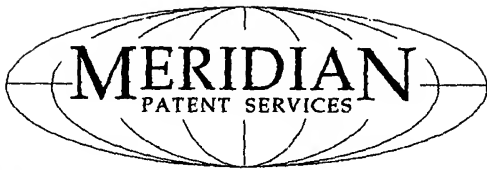
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Dear Sir:

Re: New United States Patent Application
Inventor: MCANULTY, Nicholas Paul
Title: MESSAGE HOLDER

The following papers are submitted herewith in support of the above application:

- (1) UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Form PTO/SB/05)
- (2) Specification (22 pages), including title, description, claims and abstract.
- (3) Drawings (10 sheets).
- (4) DECLARATION (Form PTO/SB/01) - Unsigned.

Although the DECLARATION is presently unsigned, it is included herewith because it does provide name, address and citizenship information for the inventor, priority claim information, and a correspondence address.

Also, please be advised that a corresponding application was filed in Canada on April 4, 2002 under Canadian Patent Application No. 2,380,255. Since that date was more than one year ago priority benefits are not claimed in respect of the present application.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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